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of William Jennings Bryan's being even associated with those of James G. Blaine, John Hay, or Elihu Root.

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H. C. DAVIDSON.

NEW YORK CITY.

SIR,—For quite ten years I have been one of your most constant and admiring readers. No issue of the REVIEW in all that time has failed to give me a full measure of pleasure, pressed down and running over, but never, Sir, have I derived so much satisfaction from anything you have printed as from the statement in Mr. Houston Stewart Chamberlain's article on England that upon one occasion he was assailed by a British mob, flung to the ground, and beaten until the teachers and servants hastened to his assistance. It is a pleasure to know that Mr. Chamberlain got what he so richly deserved, even if he did anticipate the payment by several decades. It is very handsome of him at this late date to justify his assailants by writing the venomous philippic against his native land which, in pursuance of your own subtle purposes, you have so properly printed in your July issue.

JOHN KENDRICK BANGS.

OGUNQUIT, MAINE.

SIR,—I had been a reader of the REVIEW for a good many years before I became a regular subscriber. I have in my library issues as far back as 1890. During all these years I have never had occasion to find fault with anything appearing in the REVIEW, though not always in accord with your contributors. The paper by Mr. Chamberlain in your July number, however, left a very bad taste in my mouth. Honorable men can have no liking for one who besmirches his own nest. I sincerely trust that your admirable publication will never be so hard up for material as to make it necessary again to subject your readers to Mr. Chamberlain's diatribes against his mother-country.

J. J. JACOBI.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

TWO VIEWS OF "THE MAN JESUS"

SIR,—May I presume on your valuable time? I am one of your humble admirers, and have always entertained the highest respect for your judgment and scholarship. Lately I have been confronted with a difficulty which I am going to propose to you for solution. How did you ever come to allow that serial of Mary Austin's to appear in the one great, big magazine of the country, a magazine which has always maintained the highest scholarship and deepest thought?—for such unquestionably is the history of THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW. This serial can boast neither of scholarship nor profundity of thought. It is merely a combination of mawkish sentimentality and outworn theories of the rationalists which have long ago been thrown into the discard. I know right well that you would not stand for a life of Washington or Lincoln written along the same lines, with the same disregard for the only authentic sources of information. You would justly resent the action of any man who, under the guise of writing the life of your father, produced a caricature of him. Now, for a great many of

your readers, Jesus Christ is more than father or mother, for He is God himself. You can readily understand, therefore, how we regard as nothing less than blasphemous such a misrepresentation of Christ as is now appearing in the pages of our greatest magazine. I don't register this protest in any narrow, sectarian sense, but I do resent the fact that the prestige of the magazine is being used to caricature the most sublime figure in all history.

T. G. SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SIR,—Permit me to express to you my appreciation of the remarkable work accomplished by Mary Austin in her impressive and absorbingly interesting *Life of Christ*, now appearing in the pages of *THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW*. No one who has felt the influence of the sublime figure of Jesus as he is limned for us in the Gospels can help rendering a tribute of profound admiration to Mrs. Austin for the manner in which she has accomplished her interpretation of this great subject. To present a portrait of the Man from Nazareth which is so refreshingly independent of convention, yet so deeply reverent; which succeeds in the staggering task of bringing to bear a free play of intelligence and imagination, without a suggestion of blasphemy or offense, is indeed a triumph of skill, of art, of insight and of inspiration. No one who has truly felt the spell of the personality of Christ can read this noble *Life* without profound emotion. That it will be disliked and repudiated by the narrow-minded, the spiritually myopic, and those who give ear only to "the bleat of evangelical orthodoxy," goes without saying.

I congratulate Mrs. Austin upon the splendid medium which she has been so fortunate as to secure for the publication of her views, and I congratulate your great magazine upon having secured so notable and important a feature.

H. W. RUTGERS.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

A CANDID FRIEND

SIR,—I have been a reader of your very much esteemed magazine for a few months, and in most of your editorials I am right alongside with you, especially what you have to say about the brutality of the Germans, and the Kaiser. They claim to be carrying on a holy war when there is no holiness in such a world-war as that in Europe. To think that the whole world is in danger of being overrun!

I think, though, you are too hard on Mr. Bryan. I have always been an admirer of Mr. Bryan. If any man is honest in his convictions, and thinks he is right, it is not proper to condemn him and his principles in such harsh terms. You cannot deny that most things Mr. Bryan has contended for, even though strongly opposed at first by the people, were finally demonstrated to be right after people became educated in thinking, and were able to see through the veil of darkness that obscured their mental vision. But excepting your tirade on Mr. Bryan, I am with you. But I condemn all such as Mr. Chamberlain. I don't think there is much English